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Tēnā koutou and Welcome

This week we have messages from:

- Head students
- Our Principal, Kate Staniford

We have messages about:

- New Students
- Upcoming events
- Teacher Only Day Reminder
- Star Students
- Student Activities
- Congratulations
- Rural Travel Fund Applications
- Firewood Raffle



We welcome new students to Twizel Area School this week.

Nic in M2



Mia (R13) and Joshua (M4)



Nya (R9) and Keira (R5)





From our Head Students

Kia Ora Whanau!

Welcome back to the drama group, who returned on Monday from the SGCNZ Shakespeare Festival in Wellington. From what I've heard it was a very successful and enjoyable festival!

Over the long weekend, I went down to Queenstown and checked out the LUMA Light Festival, and it was crazy! Thousands of people in the forest there, all surrounded by colourful light installments, lasers, holograms, glowing stuff and music.

Reminder to all students - don't come into school tomorrow (Friday 11th), unless you have a 3-Way Conference scheduled. Stay safe over the weekend, and good luck for

next week!

Karawhiua!

Daniel Hunter Head Student

<u>From our Principal</u>

Kia ora e te whanau!

Congratulations to our Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival Competitors! They represented us beautifully at the event. Two students gained special accolades, Charlize Vitero receiving the KAM Actor's Talent Contract and Blossom-Kate Garbutt received the 'Speak the speech' and 'Assessor' Awards.

Our Student Executive met this week to discuss some pertinent issues for our learners. In our meeting, we discussed supports for student wellbeing, managing stress, uniform and our school's participation in the Mackenzie District Council COVID recovery group and Youth Engagement Team. As a group, we have decided to work with WAVE, a local wellbeing organisation to support some common needs across the school, to attend an upcoming District Council Meeting in order to ensure youth voices are heard in community consultations and to run a gold coin donation non-uniform rainbow day to support rainbow youth. This non-uniform day will be held on Friday 25th June.



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A number of teachers have reported to me that they are being contacted on school matters via their personal social media. Please use the usual channels to contact the school (email the teacher, or call the school to make an appointment). Teachers are allowed weekends too - thanks for your understanding!

Next week, our senior Māori students alongside rangatahi from Maniototo Area School and Mackenzie College attend their second wānanaga with Mātua Karati at Unwin Lodge, Aoraki National Park. They will extend their tuakana mahi by working with teina from our school to enhance their knowledge of Te Ao Māori. Have a great time!

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford, Principal

Upcoming Events

Thursday 10 June - Friday 11 June - Years 1-13 Student Learning (Three Way) Conferences Friday 11 June - No school for students (due to Conferences being held) Monday 28 June - Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day Wednesday 30 June - BOT meeting 5.30pm Tuesday 6, 7, 8 July - 'Operation CrISPY Morn' (School Production) Friday 9 July - End of Term Two Monday 26 July - Beginning of Term 3

Reminder ... There is no school tomorrow - Friday 11 June - Student Learning (Three-Way) Conferences are being held throughout the day.

There is also a Teacher Only Day on Monday 28 June. This is a 'Kahui Ako' day, when our teachers meet with staff from Maniototo, Roxburgh, and Lawrence Area Schools, and share professional development and pedagogical updates.

Star Students - Week 5





Room 7 - Hunter for sharing work. Room 8 - Abbey for beautifully presenting her "Space" title page. Room 9 - Henry for being a very responsible big brother every day. Room 13 - Jacob for developing great characters in his alien narrative writing. Room 4 - Fletcher for improvement in his reading comprehension work. **Room 5** - Healey for working hard in his novel study.

Student Activities

Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

Due to time constraints and other commitments (most of our students and teachers have rushed straight back into Production Rehearsals) our full Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival report will feature in next week's ETan.

Room 9

Students in Room 9 have been working with Mrs Mullon growing beans. They are making predictions about which coverings will keep the beans alive over winter.

This group is not covering their beans with anything.





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The group on the left is testing to see whether cardboard will protect their beans for the winter.

The group on the right is testing to see whether plastic will protect their beans for the winter.



This group is testing to see whether frost cloth will protect their beans for the winter.



Room 13

Students from Room 13 taking part in their multisensory spelling programme.





Middle School Debating

Students from Twizel, Roxburgh and Maniototo travelled to Cromwell for the Middle School Debating Competitions last Friday. A chance to come together with other students from our Kahui Ako.



Allie's team argued the negative that 'Animal racing should be banned.'



Quinn's team argued the affirmative that 'School lunches should be provided by the government'.



CONGRATULATIONS



Colleen Lyons, Mum of Nic - our Teacher Aide and Netball Coach, and Nana of students Huxley and Felix, was awarded a 'Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit' in the Queen's

Birthday Honours List for services to Netball and Education. We often see Colleen supporting our school and our sports events in Twizel.

Ka mau te wehi Colleen!



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RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATIONS

Applications are open now for grants from the Rural Travel Fund 2021.

The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams with young people aged 5-19 years who need help with transport expenses to attend regular, local sporting competitions. The closing date is Monday, August 30, 2021,

at 5pm. Click here for guidelines and an application form:

http://www.mackenzie.govt.nz/.../sportnztravel fund.aspx

FIREWOOD RAFFLE

Twizel Area School Raffle 6 Draws of approximately 5 cubic metres of firewood. \$10.00 per ticket - available at the School Office.



More than 30 cubic metres of pre-split firewood has been kindly donated by Dean Smith and his wife Tina.

The excess following the raffle will be distributed to whanau in need of some winter warmth by Kevin, our Caretaker and the Bootcamp team.

Dean would like to encourage others to donate wood from problem tree species to community members or organisations. He challenges you to match or surpass his donation!

And Finally ...



If you enjoy the circus, be sure to enter our draw to win a family pass to see The Moscow Circus - coming to Timaru next week. Enter as you pass the office on the way to your Three-Way-Conferences this afternoon and tomorrow ...